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SUBJECT: PRESS HANDLING OF FAHMY VISIT

1. AL AHRAH WAS ONLY NEWSPAPER TO HEADLINE FAHMY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AUGUST 15 (OTHER PAPERS FEATURED RENEWED FIGHTING IN CYPRUS). AHRAH DETAILED 3-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S ASSURANCES OF NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY AND HIS RENEWED INVITATION TO SADAT TO VISIT U.S., PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER.

2. KAHBAR AND AHRAH COVER FAHMY APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DURING WHICH HE STRESSED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IS A PROBLEM OF "THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" AND THAT THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND "ESTABLISHING A PALESTINIAN ENTITY AS AN EXPRESSION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL FEELING." FAHMY, REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT U.S./EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WERE ON THE RIGHT COURSE. RE AID TO EGYPT, FAHMY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT EGYPT IS NOT ASKING FOR THE LOANS OR AID FROM U.S.; THIS SHOULD BE A NATURAL OUTCOME OF COOPERATION SERVING JOINT INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES. HE OBSERVED THAT THE \$250 MILLION WHICH IS AT PRESENT CAUSING SUCH AN UPROAR IS NOT EVEN ENOUGH TO RECONSTRUCT

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AID TO ISRAEL. ON THE QUESTION OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR, FAHMY ALLEGEDLY ASSURED LEGISLATORS THAT EGYPT DID NOT WANT THE NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR WAR, BUT FOR DESALTING AND FOR ELECTRICITY TO BUILD NEW INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY. HE POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT HAD SIGNED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WHEREAS ISRAEL HAS NOT.

3. REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, HODA FARID, GUMHURIYYA, SAYS THAT SHE HAS LEARNED THAT THERE WILL BE \$100 MILLION IN WHEAT AS WELL AS QUANTITIES OF FATS AND TALLOWES EXPORTED TO EGYPT.

4. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS ONLY CARRIES DETAILS OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS INCLUDING THE INFORMATION THAT THE WORKING GROUPS WILL HOLD SESSIONS IN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON THROUGHOUT THE FALL PRIOR TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT. SPECIFICALLY, MENTIONED WERE THE WORKING GROUPS ON HEALTH, SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS AND CULTURE. EILTS

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